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GRASS, GARDENS AND FLOWERS.

We are in hearty sympathy with the sentiment recently expressed by a noted authority on child welfare, that "a child needs grass as much as it needs a bed." Of course, the writer meant that children should have grass plots, not alone to look at, but to roll and play on, to enjoy both by sight and touch.

Then along with the fresh, green grass, if possible, there should be flowers and trees and birds in order that the children's surroundings may be both beautiful and inspiring to their hearts and minds. These are to be had in all our parks and in all the resident districts, especially those in the outlying portions of the city. But there are neighborhoods where there are neither grass nor flowers nor birds nor trees; and where to have all of these pleasant and joy-giving surroundings is out of the question. Still even in such localities there is much that may be done to make them brighter and more attractive places to live in. It is nearly always possible to get grass and flowers to grow in both the front and back yards. There are thousands of dirty, rubbish covered back yards in Chicago that could be easily turned into little beauty spots, just by sowing grass seed and planting a few of the good old fashioned garden flowers.

In addition too, there are wonderful possibilities in the back garden. You will be astonished at the amount of nice fresh table vegetables, such as lettuce, onions, radishes, peas and beans that can be grown on a small plot of ground. Radishes, lettuce and onions can be planted every two weeks all through the growing season, thus providing a continual supply of these delicious and healthful table vegetables. The little back yard garden can be cultivated at odd hours and persons who are penned up in the office all day should find this work both pleasant and profitable from the standpoint of physical health and enjoyment. Try having a back yard garden this year and see how much real pleasure, to say nothing of the good things to eat, you will be able to get out of it. And if the younger members of the family are old enough to help by all means have them take a hand in turning the back yard into a place of both use and beauty.

There are a good many reasons why, every year, about this time, we urge people to plant things; among them we will mention the following. A dirty back yard is both a menace and a disgrace to the neighborhood in which it is located. The back yard devoted to raising flowers or vegetables or both, is a credit to the neighborhood and a blessing to those who plant and maintain it. To tend a flower or vegetable garden takes people out of doors, and gives them just the kind of exercise that is good for them. Especially does this apply to those who work indoors; for all such back yard gardens should mean increased bodily health and vigor, which alone is worth working for, to say nothing of other benefits obtained.

Then again, idle land and idle people are of no value to the community, but set both to work and manifold blessings are sure to follow. There are, it is claimed, a great many idle men in Chicago. There are also a great many patches of idle ground. If only the idle men and the idle ground could be brought together in the right way, a large part of Chicago's supply of summer vegetables could be produced right here at home.

Michael G. Walsh, the most bustling of all the Deputy Coroners of Cook County, who is one of the head leaders of the Republican party in the old town of Lake, may become a candidate for clerk of the Criminal Court, of Cook County.

THE GENERAL AND VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EIGHTH REGIMENT BALL.

Much progress is being made by the new Eighth Regiment Citizens' Committee in connection with the forthcoming Annual Reception and Ball of the 8th Regiment, Monday, May 25th, at the Seventh Regiment Armory. The following comprise the Citizens' Committee of 100:

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NURSE SUES COLORED MAN.

Alleges He Promised to Wed, Believing Sutor was White—Baltimore Woman Charges Wealthy Warehouseman with Constructive Breach of Promise.

Baltimore, April 19.—Two suits by titling each asking \$15,000 damages against James L. Hitchens, colored, a wealthy storage warehouseman and expressman of Baltimore, were filed today by Miss Anna B. Clark, a white trained nurse.

Miss Clark's attorney said today that she claims that Hitchens deceived her by proposing marriage to her while she was under the impression that he was a white man, and one of the suits is based upon the ground that in thus deceiving her Hitchens was guilty of a constructive breach of promise.

The plaintiff claims that she went to the home of Hitchens as a trained nurse to attend him for heart trouble, under the impression that he was a white man, and that some time later he proposed to her and she accepted.



PROF. JAMES A. MUNDY.

The moving spirit in the Coleridge Taylor Club which will hold forth at Orchestra Hall on Monday evening, May 11 at 8 o'clock.

It is just awful to think of it here—a real White Southern Lady who is willing to marry a "Nigger" for his money and right here we call on the Hon. Hoke Smith, James K. Vardaman, Ben. R. Tillman and the Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., to please stand up and lead us in prayer.—Editor.

AN EXPLANATION OF A PUBLIC TRUST BY THE CHICAGO UNION CHARITY CLUB, MRS. EMMA CHANDLER OF 6504 ST. LAWRENCE AVE. PRESIDENT, IN THE MATTER OF MRS. HOUSTON OF 123 W. 27TH ST., AN AGED MEMBER OF OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH.

We desire to thank the generous public for assisting us in raising \$100.00 to place Mrs. Houston in the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People. We succeeded in raising the full amount; after which we learned that all persons applying for admission in the Home are required to present a Doctors certificate.

On examination of Mrs. Houston by a competent physician, the fact was revealed that she was suffering with an incurable disease which made her practically an invalid. Therefore the management of the Home were unable to receive her.

Her rent being in the arrears the landlord demanded her removal; through the kindness of Mrs. Clara Cooper of 5425 Normal Av., we succeeded in having her cared for during two weeks at our expense.

After some thought and investigation we had no alterate but to send her to the Institution at Oak Forest, where she is receiving good care in comfortable and pleasant surroundings.

A regular appointed committee of two are required to visit her once in two weeks and report her condition to our club. About \$25.00 of the \$100.00 raised has been spent on her care. The balance will be used to assist in the charitable work of the club.

The Olivet Baptist Missionary Society still retains the \$25.00 that was taken up for this purpose. And we returned the \$1.00 to the Cornell Charity Club with thanks.

Press Committee
Mrs. Lillian McPheters, Mrs. Jennie Williams, Mrs. Mabel Powell, Mrs. Nellie A. Callis and Mrs. Ada Trammell.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL BY THE COLERIDGE TAYLOR CLUB.

Orchestra Hall, Monday, May 11 1914, at 8:00

Grand May Music Festival given by the Coleridge Taylor Club (of the Raymond School Social Settlement), 75 voices. James A. Mundy, Conductor, assisted by Mrs. Willa Sloan, soprano; Mrs. Carroll K. Dickerson, Violin; Y. M. C. A. Boys Glee Club, 25 voices; Chicago Mixed Quartette; Lily Nelson, soprano; Phyllis Woodward, contralto; Edward Borden, Tenor; John W. Jones, Bass.

Boxes seating six persons, \$9.00. Tickets exchanged for reserved seats (without extra charge), at Orchestra Hall Box Office, Michigan Ave., near Adams St., on or after Monday, May 4, 1914.

Prof. N. Clark Smith, for some years head chief of the famous Tuskegee Institute band will conduct Mr. Mundy's compositions, general admission main floor, \$1.00. First row balcony 75 cents, rear balcony 50 cents. Gallery 25.

HYDE PARK NEWS.

BY
L. W. WASHINGTON.
Watch This Column.

Mr. Stewart The defeated Aldermanic candidate in the 7th ward and Mr. Allen Hoban of the 6th ward, can at least feel encouraged to know that 6,000 voters in the 7th, and 4,000 in the 6th Believe "in giving a fairer treatment to the Negro;" their supporters, are men and women who have nerve enough, and Christian fortitude, sufficient to express such views without fear or favor. We are happy to know that there are 10,000 White men and women in this part of the city "Who have never bowed their knees to Ball; and whose hearts are too big to insult any part of God's oppressed children. No matter what their condition may be.

Mrs. Brockbridge of Lake Park Ave. was fined \$25.00 and costs in the Hyde Park police court, for conducting a house of disorder; and selling beer without license, we learn that two plain clothes men, or detectives, were suspended for trial before the police trial board for being caught napping by Captain Lavin. Mr. Cyrus Field Miller who runs the cafe under this place, gave the most damaging testimony against her, as he says being forced to do so by the direct examination of her attorney, Mr. A. L. Williams. We learn that it is also a matter of record, that two of our young girls who are very active in our churches in Hyde Park, and have visited this house for Immoral Purposes, Officer 1313, also has been reported for disturbing the peace of Mr. Miller's business and calling a "Nigger." It is up to the decent self respecting Negroes who live in Hyde Park, to see to it and co-operate with Captain Lavin to break up such houses of debauchery, or they will carry us with them to perdition.

Mrs. Charles Hunter, the wife of Mr. Charles Hunter, and sister of Rev. John E. Ford, will visit her sister and spend several weeks in the twin city of the West, St. Paul, Minn.

The Baptist Missionary Meeting held at the St. Paul Baptist church, was a very inspiring meeting, Dr. Plummer and Dr. Lewis, were the principal speakers, and whose talks were very beneficial. Mrs. Webb is the president of this missionary society, a good program was rendered, this society meets once a month.

Mr. E. D. Johnson a citizen of sterling worth has for the past 18 years, had charge of and conducted the Windermere hotel barber shop, he has shaved and cut the hair of some of the most prominent people in the world.

Mr. George Hill, reads The Broad Ax and very highly recommends the same to his friends.

The dashing second waiter at the Chicago Beach hotel is Prof. Oscar J. Buckner, formerly president of the Hyde Park Buckner's Academy of Music.

Dr. M. J. Mosely a subscriber to The Broad Ax is expecting to take a post graduate course here and return to his native State Texas.

Mr. James Wagner, who has charge of the Chicago Beach hotel package room is very low, and is not expecting to live. Mr. Wagner is one of the old citizens of Chicago.

The Boy Scouts will be with us next Tuesday evening at the Logus Literary Club, Mr. Fields the organizer will be present and address the club, the children and their parents are invited to be present. The program will be furnished by Bethel Literary Society.

MORT STECCO'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO. WILL OPEN UP AT THE GLOBE THEATRE SUNDAY, MAY 3RD.

Mort Stecco's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will strike town, the latter part of this week and they will appear at the Globe Theater, Wabash Avenue and Hubbard Court, commencing with a matinee, Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, and run to May 10th, inclusive. Matinees daily. Col. James H. Browne, manager of the Globe, states; that the Uncle Tom's Cabin, is up-to-date in every way.

CHIPS

Miss Rosa Morgan, the popular Mil-liner, 3709 S. State street, has been confined to her home, 3736 Forest Ave., this week, with a severe cold and high fever.

The Progressive Women, belonging to the A. L. P. H. A. Suffergist Club, which meets at 3805 S. State street, will turn out in the great Suffergist parade, Saturday, May 2.

William L. Sledge, who makes his home at the Y. M. C. A., 3763 Wabash Avenue; returned home the first of the week from a pleasant visit to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Mt. Clemens, Mich.

An April dancing party, was given at the Appomattox Club, 3441 Wabash avenue, last evening and many of its members, their wives and other lady friends were present, and greatly enjoyed the dance.

Prof and Mrs. Wm. Emanuel, 6352 Rhodes ave., wish to announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Rebecca Emanuel to Mr. Albert Copeland of St. Joseph, Mich. Wedding to take place early in June.

Miss Anna Schulman, 3405 W. 16th street, who has been engaged as a stenographer for Walter M. Farmer, 184 W. Washington street for the past two years delightfully celebrated her Birthday last Sunday.

Attorney Walter M. Farmer, 184 W. Washington street spent Tuesday of the present week in Gary, Indiana, on legal business. He left Thursday evening for St. Louis, Missouri where he will also spend a few days on legal business.

County Commissioner Albert Nowak, 2128 N. Leavitt street, is getting ready to seek the re-nomination and re-election, to his present position and he has many strong friends on the northwest side, and in other parts of the city, who are standing by him in this respect.

J. W. Casey, agent for the Cranford Building, 36th and Wabash avenue, whose down town office is located on the third floor of the Reaper block, 74 W. Washington street, has been somewhat indisposed for the past two weeks, but he is almost at himself again, and is able to buckle right down to business.

Frank J. Ryan, 6828 S. Bishop street at one time, superintendent of the water pipe extension, has begun to circulate his petitions, seeking the nomination for clerk of the Criminal Court and Charles E. Morrison, who assists to run Mayor Carter H. Harrison's office and a number of other Afro-Americans are signing up for him.

Attorney William G. Anderson, will leave this afternoon on a second trip to Washington, D. C., in connection with the District of Lake Michigan Land Association. He will be absent four or five days. At a meeting of the Association Tuesday evening, in the parlors of the Wabash Hotel, Wabash avenue and Harrison street, he was selected chief counsel for the Association.

Dr. H. R. Smith, of 3461 S. State St., departed last Saturday evening at 5:30 on the Pennsylvania Limited, over the Pennsylvania Railroad for New York City, where he sailed this week, for the old world and on arriving there he will spend one year in studying at the University of London, England. All of last week, his numerous friends called to bid him a short farewell, at the same time wishing him well while so far away from them. Dr. Midlan O. Bousfield, will be in charge of his office and skillfully administer to the wants and needs of his many patients.

Back to Nature!
I'd love to be a cave man
With whiskers rich and red
And chase the Lady Primitive
And thump her on the head.
I would not thump her hard enough
To spoil her marcel wave,
But just enough to quiet her
And cart her to my cave.
A simple cave—two rooms and bath—
No frills, no buttoned boys
Nor janitor nor telephone.
Just plain prehistoric joys.
I'd seize a pterodactyl wing
And read it with my jaw.
I'd seize a mammoth steak
I think I'd like it raw.
I want to be a cave man,
No income tax to pay,
Raw meat to eat, some wives to beat
And naught to do but play.
—New York Sun.

Preliminary to Business.
"Are you as perfect physically as you seem to be?" he asked.
"Certainly," she replied.
"Has there ever been any insanity in your family?"
"Never."
"Have you a depraved taste of any kind?"
"Certainly not."
"Are your teeth in good condition and do you see and hear perfectly?"
"Yes."
"Are you ever bothered by insomnia or headache or indigestion?"
"Not at all."
"Thank heaven. Now let's make love a little while."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sister Goose.
Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.
Mrs. Peter loved to tang
After dinner with the gang.
She was nimble as a fawn;
Peter's age was getting on.
He was Puritanic stock;
Took the castle out of walk.
Often quarreled with his mate;
Didn't even hesitate.
Hence his name was macaroni,
And he's paying alimony.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Classified.
Professor Porter, of a small New England college, sat ponderously in the chair devoted chiefly to the science of heredity. The Porters had been for generations men of abstruse scientific turn, bookish men. But the professor's small son, Tommy, hated his books cordially, much to his learned father's dismay. The professor looked ruefully at the teacher's report that Tommy had played hooky and destroyed his books.
"My dear," said the professor to his wife, "I am afraid that I must class Thomas as a true instance of aversion to type."—New York Post.

Modern.
"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going a-tangling, sir," she said.
"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"
"You're kindly welcome, sir," she said.
"What's your father, my pretty maid?"
"My father's zero, sir," she said.
"Say, will you marry me, my pretty maid?"
"Yes, for a time, kind sir," she said.
"What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"
"My heels are my fortune, sir," she said.
"Then I won't marry you, my pretty maid."
"I have plenty of partners, kind sir," she said.
—Life.

The Girl For Him.
Tom—I've seen the girl I want to marry. I stood behind her at the ticket window this morning, and she took seven minutes to buy a five cent elevated ticket.
Alice—Did that make you want to marry her?
Tom—Yes. I figured out that she could never spend my income at that rate.—Boston Transcript.

Job's Trials.
Old Job had many trials to vex.
His life could have been sweeter.
But still he never had to fix
A leaky carburetor.
—Denver Times.

Old Job had trials—lots of them.
But did he ever frolic at two a. m.
Around the house at two a. m.
When baby had the colic?
—Los Angeles Express.

Old Job had certain trials to face.
His life was full of gloom.
But still he never had to lace
Or button wifery's dress.
—

Sapleigh Gets It Again.
Sapleigh—I gave up restaurants, you know, because I really couldn't find an intelligent person to wait on me. I am now patronizing the help yourself places.
Miss Keen—But you must find the same difficulty there, Mr. Sapleigh—Philadelphia Ledger.

Eugenical.
"I'm forty-two about the chest,"
With just a touch of pride.
Said he to her, "And I suggest
That you become my bride."
"I greatly fear," the maiden said,
"That this can never be."
Another I have vowed to wed
Who measures forty-three."
—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Personal of Course.
"Aren't some of the hats women wear absurd?"
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "and yet when some people put them on they do look so appropriate."—Washington Star.

Way to Get Even.
Take your troubles by the head.
Neither sigh nor weep.
But when they drift to Slumber Land
Swat 'em while they sleep!
—Atlanta Constitution.

He Knew.
"I can't imagine why I ever eloped with you," she said.
"I can," he coldly replied. "I was the first simpleton that ever asked you to elope."—Chicago Record-Herald.